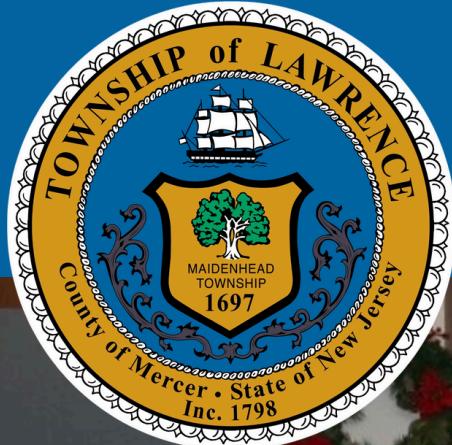


# SENIOR CONNECT

## FEBRUARY 2026



### Lawrence Township Swears In Mayor Bobbitt, Council Members for New Terms

Christopher Bobbitt was sworn in for his second term as Mayor of Lawrence Township during the January 1st, 2026 reorganization meeting, with the oath of office administered by State Senator Shirley Turner. Newly reelected Council members Jim Kownacki and Amanda Santos were also sworn in alongside Mayor Bobbitt, who is now in his fourth term on Township Council.

In his remarks, Mayor Bobbitt quoted Congressman Augustus Hawkins: "Leadership belongs not to the loudest, not to those who beat the drums or blow the trumpets, but to those who day in and day out, in all seasons, work for the practical realization of a better world." This principle of consistent engagement has guided Mayor Bobbitt throughout his public service, which began in 2005 with nearly a decade on a township committee before his election to Council in 2015.

During his first term as Mayor (2018-2019), Bobbitt worked with Council and Township Manager Kevin Nerwinski to rebuild township staff strategically, resulting in improved service delivery, sustainable operations, and a stronger grant writing program that has enhanced services. He emphasized his commitment to the fundamental work of local government: ensuring safe communities, well-maintained infrastructure, and opportunities for residents of all ages.

Mayor Bobbitt highlighted Lawrence's greatest strength—its people and diversity. "That spirit of 'E pluribus unum,' or 'out of many, one,' is alive and well in Lawrence," he stated, noting how the community comes together at parades, memorials, and gatherings to celebrate their beloved township.

Mayor Bobbitt earned degrees from Stanford University and UC Berkeley and lives in Colonial Lakelands with his wife Tiffany and children Frances and Henry. He thanked his family for their support and for reminding him why this work matters.

## Spotlight on



Police Officer Na'Air Campbell and the Lawrence Township Police Department thank the staff at Home Instead for the warm welcome and facility tour. We're grateful for the opportunity to learn about their in-home care services and partner on a Fraud Awareness presentation for their clients. We look forward to this collaboration and continuing to deliver meaningful education through quality community policing.

Chief Kevin Reading and the Lawrence Township Police Department thank Reverend Jesse Tosten of Kairos Church for visiting our station and delivering coffee and baked goods to our personnel. Reverend Tosten's thoughtful gesture and commitment to giving back to the community is truly appreciated. We look forward to partnering with him and Kairos Church to strengthen our community relationships.



Chief Kevin Reading thanks Lawrence Police Mental Health Coordinator Elwood Dasher and Police Officer Na'Air Campbell for visiting Phoenix Behavioral Health Center. Their visit strengthened our partnership and reinforced our shared commitment to supporting mental health awareness and care. Strong partnerships like this are essential as we work together to promote the well-being of our residents.



**Thank you to everyone who attended our Rabies Clinic!**  
 The clinic was an enormous success, and the Lawrence Township Health Department is grateful to all the volunteers, staff, and residents who waited patiently in line to ensure their pets received their vaccinations. For those who missed this clinic or are looking for future opportunities, we encourage you to check neighboring municipalities' websites for their upcoming rabies clinic schedules.

## Need home repairs?

The Lawrence Home Improvement Program is now accepting applications for low and moderate-income homeowners.

This forgivable loan program covers critical repairs including:

- ✓ Roofing & windows
- ✓ Heating systems & water heaters
- ✓ Electrical & plumbing upgrades
- ✓ Health & safety code violations

The best part? No monthly payments, no interest. Stay in your home for 10 years and owe nothing.

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2025 Gross Annual Income Limits	
1 person household	\$ 75,440
2 person household	\$ 86,160
3 person household	\$ 96,860
4 person household	\$ 107,560
5 person household	\$ 116,280
6 person household	\$ 124,960
7 person household	\$ 133,640
8 person household	\$ 142,160

Program available for owner-occupied single-family homes, condos, townhomes, and owner-occupied duplexes.



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**1st Quarter 2026 property taxes are due by close of business on Tuesday, February 10th to avoid penalty.**



**Need help with Energy Bills?**

**Need help with utility bills?**

“Income limits are higher than ever,” DCA Assistant Commissioner and Director of the Division of Housing and Community Resources, Janel Winter said. “If you’re struggling to manage your bills, now is the time to apply.”

Apply now:

<https://conta.cc/4gOpIU6>  
Funds are limited – don’t wait!

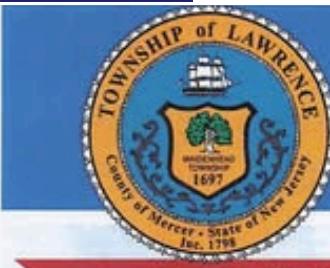
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Pay online: [https://www.cite.net/lawrence-nj/cn/TaxBill\\_Std/?tpid=16621](https://www.cite.net/lawrence-nj/cn/TaxBill_Std/?tpid=16621)

You can also pay in person at the Tax Collector's Office during regular business hours.

Questions? Contact the Tax Collector's Office at 609-844-7021.



**BE READY FOR WINTER WEATHER !**



### PREPARE YOUR HOME

- Shovel and Salt Walkways
- Check Heating Systems



### PARK SMART

- Avoid Parking on Snow Emergency Routes and Streets
- Remove Basketball Hoops on Streets



### STAY INFORMED

- Sign Up for Alerts and Notifications
- [www.lawrencetwp.com](http://www.lawrencetwp.com)
- Follow us on Social Media

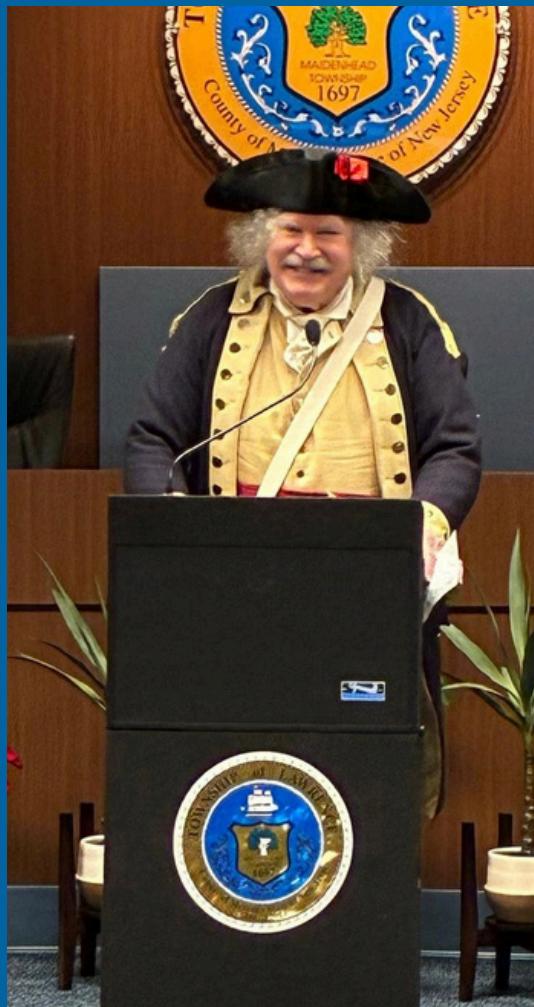


### HELP PLOW DRIVERS

- Do not Pass Drivers
- Stay Back and Give Space

 **DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS**





## Honoring Lawrence Township's Revolutionary War heritage!

Our community came together last month for the 64th Annual Commemoration of Colonel Edward Hand's Delaying Tactics. Following a historical program and musket firing demonstration, participants retraced history with a march along the historic highway to the original delaying action sites at Shabakunk Creek.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate this important piece of our local history!



## LAWRENCE RECREATION ZUMBA

Join Zumba Fitness Instructor Sylvia for a fun, feel-good workout set to great music. Designed for all skill levels, this class is easy to follow and perfect for beginners. Bring your enthusiasm and let the music move you.

 Pre-registration required  
Full session package or drop-in classes available

**Mondays**

**February 2nd to March 23rd**

\*NO CLASS 2/9 or 2/16\*

Lawrence Senior Center  
30 E Darrah Lane

**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

REGISTER ON COMMUNITYPASS OR CALL (609) 844-7064





## Training to Be Ready When It Matters Most

Career firefighters with the Lawrence Township Fire Department recently trained on ceiling collapse scenarios, honing the skills needed to operate safely and effectively in some of the most dangerous conditions on the fireground.

Ongoing, realistic training like this is critical. Fires are unpredictable. By continually challenging themselves and refining their techniques, Lawrence Township firefighters ensure they are prepared to protect lives, property, and each other when seconds count. This dedication to professionalism and continuous improvement reflects our department's unwavering commitment to serving the residents of Lawrence Township with skill, safety, and excellence—on every call, every day.

BE PART OF A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION  
AND INFORMATION SESSION REGARDING  
THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE  
SERVICES STUDY

### LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Residents are invited to attend a special Public Safety Committee meeting featuring a community conversation with representatives from CGR (Center for Governmental Research). CGR has been retained by the Township to conduct a comprehensive Fire Services Study.

#### TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Learn about the purpose and scope of the fire study

Hear directly from CGR representatives

Ask questions and share community input

Gain a better understanding of the process and timeline

**SPECIAL SPEAKER:**  
**PAUL BISHOP, MPA**  
Principal, CGR



**WEDNESDAY**  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026



**START AT**  
6:30PM

#### LOCATION:

Lawrence Township Municipal Building  
Council Meeting Room  
2207 Lawrence Road  
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

#### WHY ATTEND?

Your feedback is an important part of this process. The information gathered during this study will help guide future decisions related to fire protection, emergency response, and public safety services in Lawrence Township.

# ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW A HOMEBOUND LAWRENCE RESIDENT?



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Lawrence Township Health Department

If you are a Lawrence Township resident who is homebound and in need of resources, please connect with the Lawrence Township Health Department and provide the following information:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Home Address



## \*ASK US ABOUT COVID-19 & FLU VACCINES\*

Homebound is defined as the situation where people cannot leave their homes independently without assistance. (National Institutes of Health)



**EMAIL THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT AT: [lawrencetownshiphealth@gmail.com](mailto:lawrencetownshiphealth@gmail.com)**



**CALL US AT: (609) 844-7089**

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